PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under Sub-rule (2) of Rule 3 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I nominate Messrs. M. L. Janardhana Pillai and J. W. Tolson to form the panel of Chairmen for this Session of the Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

I have received notice of the following adjournment motions.

(1) By Mr. K. R. Narayanan "I move for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss an urgent matter of public importance namely the difficulties and inconveniences arising out of the absence of suitable residential facilities and accommodation for College students."

I may mention at once that full latitude has been given to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, even at the expense of considerable sums of money, to take on lease as many buildings as possible for the purpose of providing residential facilities, especially for women students. A certain amount of success has attended his efforts already. I do not think the situation is satisfactory. But Government are alive to it. So, does the honourable member press the motion?

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: That is a very serious question, so I wish to move it.

The question that the motion may be moved was put to the House and lost.

PRESIDENT: The next motion is by Mr. A. K. Bhasker.

"I beg leave to move that the business of this Assembly be adjourned for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz, the severe hardship and suffering caused by the closing down of two of the mineral factories in Chavara to a large number of workers."

Here again I may mention, that four years ago this Government made it clear that as soon as the leases to the mineral companies in Travancore came to and end, no further extension would be given because Government want to develop these mineral sands as a national enterprise. This adjournment motion is more or less on the same lines as the letters sent by the various companies some of whom have stated that they have been taken by surprise. But as a matter of policy Government have definitely resolved that employees of these companies might continue in the new companies that will be established, in order that Government may not lose their experience and their scientific possibilities. Government will be the dominant partners, they will hold 51 per cent of the shares of these companies, and these factories will be considered as Government concerns. Their employees have been put to some difficulties on account of the closing down of the companies but the department of Public Works has been asked to give employment to as many men as are coming for work. So far, two thousand people have come forward and the Chief Engineer has been asked to give employment to all of them.

MR A. K. BHASKER: Will they get work in the same locality?

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